

CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Agenda

REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBERS MONDAY, JULY 27, 2009 7:00P.M.

OPENING MATTERS

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION: Pastor Franz Santiago, Hopewell Mennonite Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA MATTERS:</u>

Citizens have the opportunity to address the Council, by <u>registering</u> with the City Clerk <u>before the start of the meeting</u>. All remarks must be directed to Council as a body and not to any individual Council member or public or elected official in attendance. Any person making personally offensive or impertinent remarks or any person becoming unruly while addressing Council may be called to order by the Presiding Officer and may be barred from speaking before Council, unless permission to continue speaking is granted by the majority vote of Council.

All comments by the public shall be made from the speaker's podium. Citizens attending the meeting may not cross into the area beyond the podium. Any materials to be distributed to Council must be given to the City Clerk before the meeting is called to order.

Those commenting on agenda business shall speak at the beginning of the meeting and shall limit their remarks to 5 minutes. Those commenting on general matters shall speak after the legislative business is concluded and shall limit their remarks to 3 minutes. No comments shall be made from any other location except the podium, and anyone making "out of order" comments may be subject to removal. There will be no demonstration at the conclusion of anyone's remarks. Citizens may not ask questions of Council members or other elected or public officials in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

AGENDA: Council Meeting of July 27, 2009

MINUTES: Council Minutes of June 22 and July 13

Consent Agenda Legislation

Resolution - approving the undertaking of a project by the Reading Area Water Authority consisting of the acquisition of a certain easement over lands of the Schuylkill River Greenway Association in Bern Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, by purchase or condemnation for the purpose of locating a water line as well as sanitary sewer lines and storm water facilities (Water Authority)

Resolution – requesting State legislators keep the requirement for residential sprinklers in the amendment to the PA Uniform Construction Code (Law & Fire)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

REPORT FROM OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR

Presentation of the 2008 External Audit – Herbein & Co.

REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS OF BOARDS, AUTHORITIES, & COMMISSIONS

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

Bill No. 35-2009- amending the full-time employee positions for the City of Reading for the fiscal year 2009 by amending the Human Relations Commission to add one (1) Human Relations Commission Executive Director and to eliminate the Human Relations Commission Administrator (Man Dir) Introduced at the July 13 regular meeting

Bill No. 36-2009 - amending the Code of Ordinances of the City Of Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, Fee Schedule, Administrative Fees, Community Development Department, Division of Planning Fees (Man Dir) *Introduced at the July 13 regular meeting Advertised on 7-23-09*

Bill No. 37-2009 - authorizing the Mayor to execute an Easement Agreement between the City of Reading and the Reading Area Water Authority thereby conveying unto the Reading Area Water Authority a non-exclusive, perpetual easement in gross upon that portion of premises known and designated as Easement 101-3 located within parcel id#530773-51-0576, situate between River Road and Schuylkill Avenue (RAWA) *Introduced at the July 13 regular meeting*

Bill No. 38-2009 – amending the Codified Ordinances Chapter 11 Housing, Section 11-116 (B) "Fees for Rental Housing" by requiring a \$25 fee for the third and subsequent inspections (Codes & Council Staff) *Introduced at the July 13 regular meeting; Advertised on 7-23-0, Advertised July23rd*

Bill No. 39-2009 – amending the Codified Ordinances Chapter 10, Section 10-110 Animal Bite Incidents by bringing it into compliance with State quarantine regulations. (City Health Officer & Council Staff) *Introduced at the July 13 regular meeting*

Bill No. 40-2009 – increasing the Public Works Park and Recreation fees for the rental of fields, fieldhouses, etc. (Man Dir & Pub Works) *Introduced July 13th regular meeting; Advertised July 24th*

Pending Advertisement and Public Hearing Required by MPC Notice of Pending Ordinance Doctrine

Ordinance - amending the City of Reading Code of Ordinances Chapter 27 Zoning by creating a new section in Part 11 Additional Requirements for Specific Uses of Zoning Districts by placing requirements for the rental of single family homes in areas zoned R-1, R-1a and R-2 and amending the definitions section (**Council Staff**) Introduced January 2009; Public Hearing held March 18th at 5 p.m. in Council Chambers

Pending Further Review

Ordinance - amending the City of Reading Codified Ordinances by creating a new Part 20 - Vacant Building Registration - in Chapter 10 Health and Safety Enforcement (Council Staff & Law) Introduced at the April 13 regular meeting; Reviewed and discussed at the April 20th Work Session; Referred to Public Safety Committee

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCES

Ordinance - establishing a fee of \$25.00 for each lien statement request received by the City of Reading's Law Department from individuals and/or entities (**Law Dept**). *To Be Advertised Aug 3rd*

Ordinance – amending the Codified Ordinances Chapter 1, Part 5 Section 1-156 by allowing an appeal to the Building Board of Appeals after the Determination Hearing and eliminating language allowing an appeal to the Court of Common Pleas after the Certification Hearing, as per case law **(Law Dept)**

Ordinance – amending the definition of "installation" in Bill no 16-2009 Satellite Dishes in City Historic Districts (Council Staff)

Ordinance - amending the duties of City Health Officer as set forth in Chapter 1 Administration and Government Part 1 Administrative Code subpart G City Health Officer section 1-171 Duties of Health Officer (Law)

Ordinance - amending Codified Ordinances of the City of Reading, Chapter 5 Code Enforcement, Part 3, Section 9 Fees (Law)

Ordinance – authorizing the transfer of the ownership of premises known as 501 S. 5th Street, Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, from the Liberty Steam Fire Company, to the City of Reading for the purchase price of \$1.00 (Fire Dept)

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 89-2009 - authorizing the City of Reading to file a funding proposal through the Department of Community and Economic Development Early Intervention Program to request funding (\$90,000) for the City to establish the position of Business Analyst (Man Dir) Tabled at the July 13 regular meeting

Resolution – reappointing Joseph Amprey to the Board of Ethics (Admin Oversight)

Resolution – reappointing Margaret Davy to the Animal Control Board (Admin Oversight)

Resolution – appointing Michael Leifer to the Fire Civil Service Board (Admin Oversight)

Resolution – appointing a voting delegate and two alternates to the Berks County Tax Collection Committee (Council Staff)

PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL MATTERS

COUNCIL BUSINESS / COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, July 27

Meeting with the Mayor – Mayor's Office – 4 pm Committee of the Whole – Council Office – 5 pm Regular Meeting – Council Chambers – 7 pm

Monday, August 3

Meeting with the Mayor – Mayor's Office – 4 pm Finance Committee – Council Office – 5 pm Public Safety Committee – Council Office – 5 pm

Thursday, August 6

Public hearing – Sidewalk vendors wishing to locate outside the downtown area – Council Chambers – 5 pm

Monday, August 10

Meeting with the Mayor – Mayor's Office – 4 pm Committee of the Whole – Council Office – 5 pm Regular Meeting – Council Chambers – 7 pm

BAC AND COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, July 27

DID Authority – Reading Eagle 3rd Floor Conference Room – noon BARTA – BARTA Office – 3 pm Northwest Neighborhood Assn – Wesley United Methodist Church – 6:30 pm

Tuesday, July 28

Vending License Board – Council Chambers – 1 pm Housing Authority Workshop – WC Building – 4 pm Housing Authority Meeting – WC Building – 5 pm Environmental Advisory Council – Angelica Park – 6 pm Library Area Neighborhood Assn – Unitarian Church – 6:30 pm District 7 Crime Watch – Holy Spirit Church – 7 pm Penn's Commons Neighborhood Group – Penn's Commons meeting room – 7 pm

Monday, August 3

Centre Park Artifacts Bank – 705 N 5th St – noon Shade Tree Commission – Planning Conference Room – 7 pm

Tuesday, August 4

Charter Board – Penn Room – 7 pm

Wednesday, August 5

Reading Elderly Housing Crime Watch – Front & Washington Sts – 2:30 pm Board of Health – Penn Room – 6 pm District 2 Crime Watch – St. Paul's Lutheran Church – 6:30 pm

Thursday, August 6

Police Civil Service Board – Penn Room – noon Glenside Community Council – Jamestown Conference Room – 6:30 pm District 3 Crime Watch – Calvary Baptist Church – 7 pm

Sunday, August 9

College Heights Community Council – Nativity Lutheran Church – 7 pm

Monday, August 10

Fire Civil Service Board – Penn Room – 4 pm 6th & Amity Neighborhood & Playground Assn – 6th & Amity Fieldhouse – 6:30 pm

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2009

A regular meeting of City Council was held on the above date for the transaction of general business.

Vaughn D. Spencer, President of Council, called the meeting to order.

The invocation was given by Reverend Philip Keevil from the First Presbyterian Church.

All present pledged to the flag.

ATTENDANCE

Council President Vaughn Spencer
Councilor Steve Fuhs, District 1
Councilor Marcia Goodman-Hinnershitz, District 2
Councilor Dennis Sterner, District 3
Councilor Stratton Marmarou, District 4
Councilor Maria Baez, District 5
Councilor Jeffrey Waltman, District 6
Legal Specialist, T. Butler
City Auditor, D. Cituk
Managing Director, R. Hottenstein
City Clerk, L. Kelleher
Sergeant at Arms, Capt. R. Schaeffer

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayoral Proclamations

 Recognizing Mike Reese and Christine Wheelen for their fundraising efforts for the United Way of Berks County

Council Commendations

 Recognizing Pastor Joe Sclafani, City Light Ministry for his efforts with the youth of the City of Reading

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Spencer announced that three (3) citizens were registered to address Council on agenda issues and one (1) citizen was registered to address Council on non-agenda issues. He inquired if Council objected to suspending the rule requiring comment on non-agenda matters at the conclusion of the meeting. No one objected, therefore, the rule requiring non-agenda comment at the conclusion of the meeting was

suspended. Council President Spencer reminded the citizens registered to speak about the remaining public speaking rules.

Ron Stouffer, Mount Penn, stated that many local and state elected officials support the Senate bill for family healthcare, which provides a 50% reduction in the healthcare costs. He expressed belief that Council's support of the resolution on tonight's agenda will inspire the state legislators to move forward in the adoption of House Bill 1660 and Senate Bill 400. He described the parameters of the proposed plan.

Rosie Skomitz, Mount Penn, spoke in support of single pay family healthcare, as it will improve healthcare services while reducing the cost to users, businesses, and employers. She expressed the belief that the proposed bill will solve the mini woes of the current healthcare system.

Mike Morrill, West Reading, stated that he is a member of the West Reading Borough Council who approved a resolution supporting the single pay healthcare plan last week. He noted that many nations are already ahead of the United States in providing some type of organized healthcare to its citizens. He expressed the belief that healthcare has turned into a profit driven business. He stated that estimates show that healthcare costs will grow beyond the rate of the salary expense for businesses in the future.

Richard Palsgrove, expressed the belief that the Luden's, (Hershey) Building, located at 8th and Walnut Street should be turned into a casino. He expressed the belief that the use of this building as a casino would solve the City's financial problems. He noted the proximity to the Sovereign Center and the proposed hotel and noted that a casino in this location could provide a new revenue stream for the City.

AGENDA & MINUTES

Councilor President Spencer called Council's attention to the agenda for this meeting and the minutes from the May 26th regular meeting of Council. He noted that there's no legislation listed under the Consent Agenda heading for this meeting. He asked Council to consider adding a resolution to tonight's agenda which would authorize the appeal of the zoning decision for 505 Penn St.

Councilor Baez moved, seconded by Councilor Waltman to approve the agenda as amended and approve the minutes from the May 26th regular meeting of Council. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Managing Director R. Hottenstein read the Administrative Report provided to Council at the meeting covering the following:

- Centre Park events
- o Reading Public Library Summer Reading Program
- PEL press conference
- o Update on various issues brought to the Administration's attention by Council at

the weekly Mayor's meeting

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz thanked Mr. Hottenstein for the update.

Councilor Waltman noted that the majority of the complaints brought forward by Council are done in a variety of ways. He states that not all councilors have the opportunity to attend the Mayor's meeting. He also noted the irony of holding the PEL five city report press conference at the Marriott.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

City Auditor Dave Cituk read the report distributed to Council at the meeting covering the following topics:

- Update on the collection of admissions tax 2005-2009
- Update on the collection of the transfer tax 2005-2009
- Update on the 2010 Budget Summit

REPORT FROM BOARDS, AUTHORITIES & COMMISSIONS

Stadium Commission chairman, Steve Harrity and secretary, Greg Geiger, referred Council to the report distributed prior to the meeting. Mr. Harrity noted Council recently appointed the first female member to the Stadium Commission. He stated the Stadium Commission holds approximately eight (8) meetings a year. He explained that the Stadium Commission does not meet during the summer months due to the Reading Phillies baseball schedule. Some of the activities of the Stadium Commission include:

- Distribution of 300 tickets to City children
- o Representation of Reading at Baseballtown Banquet
- Labor Day Parade
- Holding three (3) Commissioner Nights during the 2009 baseball season to promote the Reading Phillies and the City of Reading.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

Bill No. 31-2009 – increasing the fees in Engineering (Curb Permit, Building Line Survey, Street Cut Permit, Street Restoration, Driveway Permit and restoration, Sidewalk Occupancy, Vault and Repair Permit, Pole Permit), and Traffic Engineering (Banner Installation and Removal) (Managing Director) introduced at the June 8 regular meeting

Councilor Marmarou moved, seconded by Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz, to enact Bill No. 31-2009.

Managing Director Hottenstein stated that this is the first in a series of fee increases based on the Maximus fee study. He expressed belief that these engineering programs should not be subsidized by the tax payers.

Bill No. 31-2009 was enacted by the following vote:

Yea: Baez, Fuhs, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Sterner, Waltman,

Spencer, President - 7.

Nay: None – 0

Bill No. 32-2009 – amending the Capital Improvement Program to provide for the extension of River Road and improvements to Kerper's Landing. (**Public Works**) *introduced at the June 8 regular meeting*

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz moved, seconded by Councilor Baez, to enact Bill No. 32-2009.

Councilor Waltman, in reference to the extension of River Road, noted the recent article in the Reading Eagle citing the Berkshire Bottling Plant as the anchor for the Dana area is incorrect as this project has not been completed since this application was approved by the Planning Commission over four (4) years ago. He expressed the belief that River Road should have been extended prior to the plans approval. He stated that there other City transportation needs of equal or higher importance. He stated that he would rather see this money going towards the purchase of the Hillside Pool.

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz expressed her belief in the need to provide this roadway as a long-term investment in the potential development of this area. She agreed that spending \$2 million dollars for a study of River Road's extension is shocking but it will provide the City with what it needs to move the project forward.

Councilor Sterner expressed the belief that the extension of River Road could stimulate development in this area.

Councilor President Spencer stated that he supports the amendment to fund improvements to Kerper's Landing but noted his agreement with the concerns expressed by Councilor Waltman concerning the extension of River Road. He expressed the belief that amendments to the capital improvement program should be submitted separately rather than as a package.

Bill No. 32-2009 was enacted by the following vote:

Yea: Baez, Fuhs, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Sterner, - 5

Nay: Waltman, Spencer, President - 2

Bill No. 27-2009 – amending Section 6 Prohibited Behaviors of the Code of Ethics by adding a provision regarding Fraudulent Behavior and amending the provisions regarding Use of City Property and Personnel and Political Activities (**Board of Ethics**) introduced at the May 11 regular meeting; tabled at the May 27 regular meeting; discussed at the June 22 Committee of the Whole

Councilor Marmarou moved, seconded by Councilor Baez, to enact Bill No. 27-2009.

Council President Spencer stated that this amendment covering fraudulent behavior of City officials was requested by the City's external auditor.

Bill No. 27-2009 was enacted by the following vote:

Yea: Baez, Fuhs, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Sterner, Waltman,

Spencer, President - 7

Nay: None - 0

Bill No 33-2009 - amending the City of Reading Zoning Ordinance per Exhibit "A" to create a new zoning district to be known as Municipal Use (MU) Zoning District and the uses allowed therein as well as the requirements for such uses and amending the City of Reading Zoning Map to reflect the addition of a new zoning district as described in and per the map attached as Exhibit "B" (Law) *Introduced at the April 27 regular meeting; Public Hearing held on June 3 at 5 pm in Council Chambers*

Councilor Fuhs moved, seconded by Councilor Baez, to enact Bill No. 33-2009.

Council President Spencer stated that this amendment will allow municipal uses, such as, the police firing range, the recycling center, etc. in the area known as Fritz Island.

Bill No. 33-2009 was enacted by the following vote:

Yea: Baez, Fuhs, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Sterner, Waltman,

Spencer, President - 7

Nay: None - 0

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCES

Council President Spencer read the following ordinances into the record.

Ordinance - amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, Fee Schedule, Administrative Fees, Fire Department Fees (**Man Dir**)

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 77-2009 Authorizing the appeal of the Zoning Hearing Board decision on 505 Penn Street.

Councilor Marmarou moved, seconded by Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz, to adopt Resolution 77-2009.

Resolution 77-2009 was adopted by the following vote:

Yea: Baez, Fuhs, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Sterner, Waltman,

Spencer, President - 7

Nay: None - 0

Resolution 78-2009 Authorizing City Council support of the National Health Insurance Act of 2009, as proposed by H.R. 676, and the Family and Business Health Security Act, as proposed by H.B. 1660 and S.B. 400 (Spencer)

Council President Spencer stated that this Resolution supports House Bill 1660 and Senate Bill 400 regarding single pay healthcare for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He stated several advocacy groups are requesting local government to support this and similar resolutions as they believe this type of support will encourage the state's legislators to approve a state bill that will provide this healthcare system for Pennsylvanians.

Councilor Fuhs expressed the belief that citizens can endorse state legislation individually without having to involve local government. He expressed the belief that City Council should be focusing only on local issues. He also stated City Council has not heard both sides of this issue. He noted that he received an inappropriate response to a question on the proposed resolution via email by one of the citizens advocating adoption of the resolution. He described his efforts to research this issue which was used to base his questions and position on the proposed resolution.

Councilor Fuhs expressed the belief that the six (6) Democratic City Councilors work to walk in lock step with the Democratic Party is insulting. He stated that while he agrees with the need for healthcare reform he will not support this resolution as he does not believe it should be considered by local government.

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz expressed her belief in the need for Council from time to time to converse with local, state, and federal elected officials about issues. She expressed the belief that Council support only advocates the correction of a broken, profit-driven healthcare system that is extremely costly for all employers and employees. She expressed her belief in the need for City Council to reflect on state and national issues.

Councilor Sterner also agreed with the need for healthcare system reform. He expressed the belief that this issue is based on the position of a small group of individuals and noted the need for more information and the data on this subject.

Councilor Waltman noted that good points were made on both sides. He expressed the belief that the healthcare reform issue is complex and not black and white. He noted the various systemic issues that have created problems with the current healthcare program and noted that this catch all proposal is not an A to Z answer.

Resolution 78-2009 was not adopted by the following vote:

Yea: Baez, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Spencer, President - 3

Nay: Fuhs, Marmarou, Sterner, Waltman - 4

Resolution 79-2009— endorsing Buy American (Spencer)

Councilor Waltman stated that he is not prepared to vote on this Resolution. He expressed his belief on buying and selling American. He expressed the belief that this resolution will support good global economy with fair application.

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz moved, seconded by Councilor Sterner, to table Resolution 79-2009.

The motion to table Resolution 79-2009 was not adopted by the following vote:

Yea: Baez, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Sterner - 3

Nay: Fuhs, Marmarou, Waltman, Spencer, President – 4

Councilor Fuhs noted the good spirit of debate which occurred in the Committee of the Whole Session held before this session. He agreed with Councilor Waltman's statement on the global economy and announced that he will not support the proposed resolution.

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that the motion to table was brought forward due to the request from some councilors for the need for additional debate and discussion. She expressed the belief that stimulus money should support local labor and products.

Councilor Sterner stated that he will support this resolution to encourage the use of stimulus to support American economy.

Councilor Baez stated that she will also support this resolution as she believes stimulus money should support the American economy.

Councilor Waltman agreed that stimulus money should support the American economy and US citizens; however he expressed the belief for broader discussion on this issue.

Council President Spencer noted that stimulus money falls outside the regular allocations made by the federal government. The stimulus money is to be used specifically to support the American economy.

Resolution 79-2009 was adopted by the following vote:

Yea: Baez, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Sterner, Spencer, President - 5

Nay: Fuhs, Waltman – 2

Resolution 80–2009 appointing Tadd Casner to the Historical Architectural Review Board (Admin Oversight)

Resolution 81–2009 appointing Theodore Auman to the Redevelopment Authority (Admin Oversight)

Resolution 82–2009 reappointing Marcia Schmehl to the Disruptive Conduct Review Board (Admin Oversight)

Resolution 83–2009 reappointing Barry Lloyd to the Charter Board (Admin Oversight)

Resolution 84–2009 reappointing Christopher Fegley to the Minority Business Procurement Board (Admin Oversight)

The Administrative Oversight moved to adopt Resolution 80-2009 – 84-2009, which make appointments and reappointments to the City's Boards and Authorities.

Councilor Marmarou and Goodman-Hinnershitz noted the skill and ability of those being appointed and reappointed this evening.

Resolution 80-2009 – 84-2009 was adopted by the following vote:

Yea: Baez, Fuhs, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Sterner, Waltman,

Spencer, President - 7

Nay: None - 0

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilor Sterner congratulated those honored with Proclamations and Commendations this evening. He agreed with the suggestion of gambling at the Luden's building, but noted that there are a limited number of gambling licenses available in Pennsylvania.

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz thanked Mr. Palsgrove for providing a creative approach to the City's financial difficulties. In regards to the upcoming 4th of July holiday, she reminded all Reading citizens the use of fireworks is illegal in the City of Reading. She also announced the upcoming Crime Watch meetings in District 2.

Councilor Waltman congratulated the Centre Park Historic District for their continued community projects and programs.

Councilor Waltman again noted the need for reform of the current healthcare system after further studies

Council President Spencer stated that Our City Reading has attempted to get stimulus funding for the Double Tree Hotel located across from the Sovereign Center.

Council President Spencer noted the need to get the Minority Procurement Board up and running.

Councilor Marmarou moved, seconded by Councilor Fuhs, to adjourn the regular meeting of Council.

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Councilor Stratton Marmarou, District 4
Councilor Jeffrey Waltman, District 6
Mayor, T. McMahon
City Auditor, D. Cituk
City Solicitor, C. Younger
City Clerk, L. Kelleher
Chief of Police, W. Heim

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayoral Proclamations

Council Commendations

 recognizing the 100th anniversary of the NAACP, accepted by Nonnie Singleton, Reading Chapter First Vice President

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Spencer announced that three (4) citizens were registered to address Council on non-agenda issues. He inquired if Council objected to suspending the rule requiring comment on non-agenda matters at the conclusion of the meeting. No one objected, therefore, the rule requiring non-agenda comment at the conclusion of the meeting was suspended. Council President Spencer reminded the citizens registered to speak about the remaining public speaking rules.

Grady Bradham, Fairview St, was not present.

Andrew Moltini, Rose Street, expressed concern with the removal of several trees on Penn Street. He agreed with the need to provide adequate lighting for safety purposes in the evening, but asked that Administration provide some balance. He respectfully requested that the Mayor review the tree removal plan and make modifications. He reminded everyone that Reading is a Tree City.

Joan Alexander, South Front Street, Womelsdorf, noted her affiliation with the National Cricket League and her attempt to establish a cricket team here in the Greater Reading area.

Susan Ringer, West Greenwich St., announced her intent to send Council information countering the proposed amendment to the Animal Control Ordinance. She requested that City Council review the material when it's provided.

J. Richard Strunk, Hampden Blvd., read a letter drafted by those residing in the 1300 block of Hampden Blvd. concerning the condition of the property located at 1302 Hampden Blvd. He stated that for over two (2) years the grass and weeds have grown to excessive length and the hedge originally 3ft high has grown to approximately 9ft tall and covers the sidewalk. He stated that no one is currently residing in the building; however, it had been used as a rental property. He stated that currently there are two (2) notices posted on the front of the property, one from 2008 and one from 2009. He noted repeated calls to get this property addressed without satisfactory response. He asked the Mayor to correct this problem property which is causing a severe blight in this very stable neighborhood. He also thanked the team handling graffiti issues in the City. He noted that his property has been hit with graffiti numerous times. He expressed his appreciation to those involved in the graffiti removal activities.

AGENDA & MINUTES

Councilor President Spencer called Council's attention to the agenda for this meeting and the minutes from the June 8th regular meeting of Council. He stated that with approving the agenda Council will also approve the legislation listed under the Consent Agenda heading for this meeting. He stated that there are no additions to this agenda.

Resolution 85-2009 directing Met-Ed Energy to install and provide energy to 1 company owned street light fixture on Pole #51109-37263, behind 414 N. 11th St (**Engineering**)

Resolution 86-2009 authorizing the City of Reading to be a member of the Berks County Cooperative Purchasing Council, appointing a representative and an alternate to the Berks County Cooperative Purchasing Council authorizing a signatory for entering into a service contract for supply of electricity (**Purchasing**)

Award of Contract - for the Public Works Department's Handicapped Ramp Project to Reamstown Excavating, Inc., Denver, PA, at a total bid price of \$105,371.47 (Purchasing)

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz moved, seconded by Councilor Sterner to adopt the agenda including the legislation listed under the consent agenda heading and the minutes from the June 8th regular meeting of Council. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mayor McMahon highlighted the Administrative Report provided to Council at the meeting covering the following:

- Importance of House Bill 1682 The Local Option Sales Tax/Property Tax Relief Act to be discussed at his July 14th press conference
- The Family Friday Night Lights tennis program scheduled for Hampden Park
- The grand re-opening of the Pagoda on July 25th
- o Updates on complaints issued by members of Council

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz noted the need for all to have a open mind as the elected the officials consider the adoption of a resolution to support the local option sales tax.

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz also thanked the Administration for their positive reaction to citizen requests to make Kline Street one way. She also described the positive work to correct the problem properties on Spring Garden Street.

Councilor Fuhs thanked the Administration for staying on top of the proposed daycare for 525 Penn Street.

Councilor Fuhs also thanked the Mayor for his efforts to educate the public on House Bill 1682. However, he noted that this House Bill must be first approved at the state and county levels before it can assist local municipalities.

Councilor Sterner noted that the local option sales tax could have a positive affect on senior citizen tax payers.

Councilor Waltman stated his disagreement with the principal behind the local option sales tax. He noted that he is looking forward to discussing this issue.

<u>AUDITOR'S REPORT</u>

City Auditor Dave Cituk read the report distributed to Council at the meeting covering the following topics:

- Update on 2008 external audit being prepared by Herbein & Co.
- Report on municipal sewage payments by outlying municipalities.

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz noted the regional approach as the City's Waste Water Treatment Plant serves outlined municipalities.

Councilor President Spencer inquired if the amount shown for sewage payment is the total amount received annually. City Auditor Cituk replied that affirmatively that the amount shown reflects the gross collected for 2008.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

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Councilor Marmarou moved, seconded by Councilor Fuhs, to enact Bill No. 34-2009.

Councilor President Spencer explained that this is another increase coming from the fee study prepared by Maximus. He noted Council and the Administrations work to balance the recommendations made by Maximus with the impact the fee will have on citizens, taxpayers, and businesses.

Bill No. 34-2009 was enacted by the following vote:

Yea: Fuhs, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Sterner, Waltman, Spencer,

President - 6. Nay: None - 0

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Ordinance - amending the Code Of Ordinances of the City Of Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, Fee Schedule, Administrative Fees, Public Works Department, Parks And Recreation Fees (**Man Dir**)

Ordinance - amending the Code of Ordinances of the City Of Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, Fee Schedule, Administrative Fees, Police Department, Division of Codes Fees (Man Dir)

Ordinance - amending the Code of Ordinances of the City Of Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, Fee Schedule, Administrative Fees, Community Development Department, Division of Planning Fees **(Man Dir)**

Ordinance - authorizing the Mayor to execute an Easement Agreement between the City of Reading and the Reading Area Water Authority thereby conveying unto the Reading Area Water Authority a non-exclusive, perpetual easement in gross upon that portion of premises known and designated as Easement 101-3 located within parcel id#530773-51-0576, situate between River Road and Schuylkill Avenue **(RAWA)**

Ordinance – amending the Codified Ordinances Chapter 11 Housing, Section 11-116 (B) "Fees for Rental Housing" by requiring a \$25 fee for the third and subsequent inspections. (Codes & Council Staff)

Ordinance – amending the Codified Ordinances Chapter 10, Section 10-110 Animal Bite Incidents by bringing it into compliance with State quarantine regulations. (City Health Officer & Council Staff)

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 87-2009 granting a waiver of/from the requirements of posting a bond or surety pursuant to Chapter 22 Subdivision and land Development Ordinance Section 309 Performance/Maintenance Guarantees (Section 22-309) of the City of Reading Codified Ordinance for development of the Double Tree Convention Center (Hotel) by Reading Luxury Hotels, LLC, at 701 Penn Street, Reading (Redevelopment Authority)

Councilor Fuhs moved, seconded by Councilor Marmarou, to adopt Resolution 87-2009.

Councilor President Spencer explained that the Municipalities Planning Code in Pennsylvania requires all developers to take out a performance bond used to ensure the entire project and accompanying infrastructure improvements are completed. He stated in the past the City has waived this performance bond for projects undertaken by public entities.

Resolution 87-2009 was adopted by the following vote:

Yea: Fuhs, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Sterner, Waltman, Spencer, President - 6
Nay: None – 0

Resolution 88-2009 to apply for and obtain a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for approximately \$8M through the Federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program II (NSP II) to address the property foreclosure issue within the City (Community Development)

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz moved, seconded by Councilor Fuhs, to adopt Resolution 88-2009.

Resolution 88-2009 was adopted by the following vote:

Yea: Fuhs, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Sterner, Waltman, Spencer, President - 6
Nay: None – 0

Resolution 89-2009 authorizing the City of Reading to file a funding proposal through the Department of Community and Economic Development Early Intervention Program to request funding (\$90,000) for the City to establish the position of Business Analyst **(Man Dir)**

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz moved, seconded by Councilor Fuhs, to table Resolution 89-2009.

Resolution 89-2009 was tabled by the following vote:

Yea: Fuhs, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Sterner, Waltman, Spencer, President - 6
Nay: None – 0

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz explained that the bill was tabled due to Council's request for more information.

Council President Spencer noted Council's upcoming conversation with Fred Reddig from the DCED about Act 47. That discussion will occur Monday at the 7pm Work Session.

Resolution 90-2009– supporting the Local Option Sales Tax/Property Tax Relief Act (Mayor)

Councilor Marmarou moved, seconded by Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz, to adopt Resolution 90-2009.

Mayor McMahon expressed his belief in the need for property tax reform which will occur if the state legislators and county commissioners take the proper actions. He stated that the City cannot sustain itself and the services it provides with property taxes alone. He expressed the belief that with a successful adoption of this legislation by state legislators and county commissioners will provide the relief requested by the taxpayers. He stated that he holding a press conference to discuss this issue on Tuesday, July 14th at 10am in Council Chambers.

Councilor Fuhs noted the inability of the local body to affect state legislation and legislators. He noted that the resolution asks state legislators to allow county commissioners across Pennsylvania to support the Local Option Sales Tax. He

expressed the belief that the proper pressure should be applied on the county commissioners.

Councilor Sterner stated that he will support the adoption of this resolution as previously stated in his comments after the Mayor's Report.

Councilor Waltman expressed the belief that this version of property tax relief is not sufficient enough to provide the type of tax relief requested by tax payers. He stated that the relief this will provide is minimal when compared with other options previously considered by state legislators. He asked all to remember the severe state budget deficit. He also noted the outlandish growth of the Reading School District student population and the impact this will have on City taxpayers when and if state aid ends.

Councilor Waltman noted the amount of human service costs at the county level, which grew at a rate similar to that of the school district population.

Councilor Waltman expressed the belief that state legislators could more effectively assist local municipalities by allowing the municipality to have more leeway and control of housing issues.

Mayor McMahon stated that the successful adoption of the Local Option Sales Tax at the state and county level will provide 25% property tax relief to taxpayers. He stated that the revenue yielded will be split between property tax relief and public services such as recreation and library costs. He noted that under the Local Option Sales Tax Act clothing, food, and prescriptions will still remain untaxed.

Councilor Waltman expressed the belief that the Local Option Sales Tax, recently renamed, is leading the taxpayer on. He noted that this minimal amount of money will not effectively handle the systemic problems in Reading and other municipalities.

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz expressed the belief that the use of this tax will allow payment from a broader community other than property owners. She stated that the enactment of this legislation at the state level is one step in the entire picture. She also noted that citizens understand the need for a tax shift to provide tax reform.

Councilor President Spencer states that he does not oppose the concept. He noted that the state legislators have failed to provide taxpayers with the property tax relief requested. Rather than handling the issue themselves they instead shift the property tax reform issue to county government. He noted that the City collects \$15 million dollars in property tax per year and using the Mayor's estimates, only \$2-\$3 million dollars will provide property tax relief. Mayor McMahon stated that property tax relief will come in the form of 34% off the total amount collected.

Mayor McMahon also noted that this bill is supported by Representatives Santoni and Caltagirone.

City Auditor Cituk stated that the Local Option Sales Tax is slated to bring the City \$8 million annually, with \$4 million in property tax relief and the remainder to cover other municipal programs.

Councilor Marmarou called the question.

Resolution 90-2009 was adopted by the following vote:

Yea: Fuhs, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Sterner, Spencer, President -

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Nay: Waltman - 1

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilor Marmarou suggested Ms. Alexander to speak with the City's Recreation Department about starting a cricket program.

Councilor Marmarou described his and the Council office work to correct the problems noted by Mr. Strunk at 1302 Hampden Blvd. He stated this issue has gone on long enough and asked the City Administration to throw the book at the property owner.

Councilor Marmarou noted his agreement with the prior suggestion to bring gaming into Reading. He described his follow up with Penn National Gaming. He expressed his belief that the Luden's property would be a great location for a casino.

Councilor Marmarou inquired if Councilor Waltman's comments regarding the need for smaller government suggests that the state, county and city layoff employees.

Councilor Waltman clarified that by using the term "smaller government" he was suggesting that all governmental entities work to find more efficient operations. He noted the impact caused by the population growth in the City and school district which reflects the growth in human service costs at the county level. He also noted the problems this growth has caused for the City's housing. He expressed the belief that the switched sales tax will not correct the problem.

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz thanked Mr. Moltini for his comments regarding the removal of trees on Penn Street. She agreed with his concern on the use of proper tree-scaping and asked that the Administration re-review their plan.

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz suggested that Ms. Alexander and the City's Recreation Department consider the area off Pendora Park for cricket activities.

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz described the new approach of block meetings in District 2 to solve a variety of neighborhood issues.

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz asked District 2 residents to stay aware and cautious due to the increase in break-ins in southeast Reading.

Councilor Sterner congratulated the NAACP on their 100th anniversary.

Councilor Sterner also agreed with the need to take corrective action for the problems noted by Mr. Strunk on Hampden Blvd. He also noted the need for stricter code enforcement across the City.

In regard to comments made by Ms. Ringer, Councilor Sterner explained that the amendment to the animal control ordinance does not seek to limit the number of pets per household but to regulate the health and welfare of animals and the public.

Councilor Sterner noted his agreement with the suggestion to bring gaming to the City of Reading. He also noted the positive input he's received about bringing gaming to Reading from his constituents.

Councilor Fuhs congratulated the NAACP on their 100th anniversary.

Councilor Fuhs stated that he looks forward to reviewing and discussing the animal control ordinance at the upcoming Work Session.

Councilor Fuhs noted the Reading Eagle's recent assertions that City elected officials are violating the state Sunshine Law while discussing matters pertaining to the consent decree on the Waste Water Treatment Plant. He noted the city solicitor's request for the case law cited. This request has been ignored. He stated that two (2) attorneys have advised Council that discussing the consent decree issues in Executive Session is proper. He suggested that if the Reading Eagle is so sure that their opinion is solid, that they file a lawsuit.

Councilor Fuhs also described the growing problem with halfway houses and their population in the City of Reading.

Councilor Waltman noted that this unilateral tax reform will not assist the City or correct its financial problems.

Councilor President Spencer also noted the Reading Eagle's belief that the recent issue with the K9 Corps is a City screw up. He stated this issue is not a City screw up but a misunderstanding and internal dispute over the language in the collective bargaining agreement. He expressed the belief that City government is too often the Reading Eagle's target as it's the largest municipality in Berks County.

Councilor President Spencer noted the infrastructure casinos require and the deep pockets it takes to provide the infrastructure requirements.

Councilor President Spencer agreed with Councilor Waltman's statement on the effect population growth will have on school taxes which has been held back due to the state's generous assistance. He stated that one day the state will no longer provide this maximum help and the lid will come off local school taxes.

Councilor President Spencer announced the Fourth Annual African Arts Festival scheduled for August 21st through the 23rd.

Councilor President Spencer reviewed the upcoming Council meeting schedule.

Councilor Marmarou moved, seconded by Councilor Sterner, to adjourn the regular meeting of Council.

Linda Kelleher CMC,	City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. ___

A RESOLUTION

APPROVING THE UNDERTAKING OF A PROJECT BY THE READING AREA WATER AUTHORITY CONSISTING OF THE ACQUISITION OF A CERTAIN EASEMENT OVER LANDS OF THE SCHUYLKILL RIVER GREENWAY ASSOCIATION IN BERN TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, BY PURCHASE OR CONDEMNATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF LOCATING A WATER LINE AS WELL AS SANITARY SEWER LINES AND STORM WATER FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, Reading Area Water Authority is a Municipal Authority created by action of the City of Reading; and

WHEREAS, the Articles of Incorporation of Reading Area Water Authority require that Reading Area Water Authority obtain the approval of the Council of the City of Reading to undertake projects not related to waterworks, water supply works or water distribution systems; and

WHEREAS, the Reading Area Water Authority desires to serve water to a development known as Water's Edge in Bern Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania; and

WHERAS, to serve such development, Reading Area Water Authority requires an easement over certain lands of The Schuylkill River Greenway Association in Bern Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania; and

WHERAS, at the request of the Developer of the Water's Edge Development, Reading Area Water Authority has agreed to acquire an easement of sufficient size to accommodate certain sanitary sewer facilities and certain storm water facilities, in addition to water lines of Reading Area Water Authority; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of an easement for these non-water related facilities may be viewed as a project not related to waterworks, water supply works or water distribution systems and, accordingly, may require the approval of the Council of the City of Reading; and

WHEREAS, Reading Area Water Authority has requested that the Council of the City of Reading approve the acquisition of an easement from The Schuylkill River Greenway Association for the purposes set forth above; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Reading desires to consent to and approve the proposed project of Reading Area Water Authority, as described above.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY RESOLVES, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Council of the City of Reading hereby approves the acquisition of an easement over lands of The Schuylkill River Greenway Association in Bern Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania as described in the Recitals herteto, and for the purposes set forth in the Recitals hereto.

	Section 2. This Resolution shall be effective ten (10) days after passage.					
				Enacted		_, 2009
Attest:	• •			President of	Council	
	City Clerk					

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WHEREAS, analysis of fire injuries and fatalities conclusively show that the majority of such incidents occur in residential properties and;

WHEREAS, every major fire safety conference in the last 90 years has called for improvements in the area of residential fire safety and;

WHEREAS, the United States Fire Administration (2008) has stated "The USFA fully supports all efforts to reduce the tragic toll of fire losses in this nation, including the proposed changes to the International Residential Code that would require automatic sprinklers in all new residential construction;" and

WHEREAS, the Fire and Life Safety Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (2008) resolved "No other action can possibly be more responsible for saving citizen and firefighter lives and personal property than adding residential sprinkler protection to our homes;" and,

WHEREAS, America Burning Recommissioned (1999) recommended "No tactic or strategy should detract from the requirement for sprinklers" and "Smoke alarms should always be the locality's second option." and

WHEREAS, efforts are underway to block the requirement for residential sprinklers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Reading City Council feels that the fire fatality and injury rates in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are unacceptable; and,

WHEREAS, every major fire safety organization recognizes that the installation of automatic sprinklers will have a definitive long-term effect on reducing such losses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Reading City Council supports the requirements for the installation of residential sprinklers and opposes any attempt to block said mandate in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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BILL NO. ____-2009 A N O R D I N A N C E

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE POSITIONS FOR THE CITY OF READING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2009

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Full-Time positions for the City of Reading's fiscal year beginning January 1, 2009, and ending December 31, 2009, shall be as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2. Amending the Human Relations Commission to add one (1) Human Relations Commission Executive Director and to eliminate the Human Relations Commission Administrator

Linda Kelleher, City Clerk

Submitted to Mayor:
Date:
Received by the Mayor's Office:
Date:
Approved by Mayor:
Date:
Vetoed by Mayor:
Date:

City of Reading Listing of Positions For the 2009 Operating Budget

		2009
Division	Position Title	# of Employees
Mayor		
	Administrative Assistant To The Mayor	1
	Executive Assistant To The Mayor	1
	Mayor	1_
		3
Managing Director		
	Managing Director	1
	Executive Secretary/Admin Aide	1
		2
Call Center		
	Call Center Manager	1
	Customer Service Representatives	3
		4
Neighborhood Develo	opment	
	Neighborhood Development Manager	0
		0
Human Relations Cor	nmission	
	HRC Executive Director	1
	HRC Investigators	2
	Secretary	1
		4
City Auditor		
	City Auditor	1
	Auditing Coordinator	1_
		2
City Council		
	Council President	1
	Council Member	6
	Assistant City Clerk	1

	Administrative Assistant	1
	City Clerk	1
		10
Treasurer		
	Clerk Typist II	3
	Chief Clerk	1
		4
Finance Director		
	Confidential Secretary	1
	Finance Director	1
	Grant Writer	1
	Floater - Finance	1
		4
Purchasing		
	Purchasing Coordinator	1
		1
Accounting		
	Accounting & Treasury Manager	1
	Accountant	1
	Pension Administrator	1
	Revenue Accountant	1
	Accounting Clerk	1
		5
Tax Administrati	ion	
	Budget/Tax Manager	1
	Tax Supervisor	1
	Tax Examiner	1
	EIT Analyst	1
	Tax Specialist	1
	Accounts Coordinator	1
	Secretary	1
	Delinquent Tax Collector	1
	Tax Clerk I	2
	Tax Clerk II	3
	Clerk Typist II	1
		14
Information Tech		
	GIS Analyst - Sewer	0
	GIS Coordinator	1

	Application Specialist	1
	Network Analyst	1
	Developer	1
	Web Developer	1
	System Support Analyst	1
	IT Manager	1
	Lead Developer	1
		8
HR-Personnel/Pens	ion	
	Payroll Clerk	1
	HR Floater	1
	Light Duty Position	1
	Diversity and Information Officer	1
	Human Resources Director	1
	Human Resources Supervisor	1
	Human Resources Coordinator	0
	Human Resources Coordinator - Pension	0
	Human Resources Coordinator - Benefits	1
	_	7
Mailroom		
	Mailroom Clerk	1
	_	1
Solicitor		
	Solicitor	1
	Confidential Secretary	1
	Executive Secretary/Admin	-
	Aide/Paralegal	1
	Legal Specialist	2
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Public Works		
	Confidential Secretary	1
	Public Works Director	1
		2
Garage		
O	Maintenance Mechanic	7
	Maintenance Worker I/Parts Person	1
	Secretary	1
	Small Engine Repairperson	1
	Foreman	1

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Engineering	Traffic Planner	1
	Engineering Aide IV	1
	Engineering Aide III	1
	Secretary	1
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Traffic Engineering		
	Equipment Operator II	1
	Traffic Engineering Technician	1
	Maintenance Worker I/Signmaker	1
	Equipment Operator I	1
		4
Highways		
	Equipment Operator II	14
	Secretary	0
	Foreman	1
	Operations Division Manager	0
Parks		15
1 al N5	Custodian II	1
	Equipment Operator II	2
	Equipment Operator III	3
	Foreman	2
	Maintenance Worker I	2
	Maintenance Worker II	2
	Maintenance Worker III	3
	Operations Division Manager	1
	Secretary	1
		17
Recreation		
	Superintendent of Recreation	1
	Custodian III	0
	Secretary	0
	Recreation Supervisor	2
Dublic Proporty		3
Public Property	Foreman	2
	Tradesman	5
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		7
Police - Criminal	Investigations	
	Captain 3-3	1
	Criminal Investigator	26
	Lieutenant	1
	Police Officer	4
	Police Officer/FTO	0
	Court Liason	0
	Sergeant	7
	_	39
Police - Special Se	ervices	
	Lead Clerk/Trainer	1
	Police Officer	1
	Police Officer/FTO	1
	Telecommunicator Supervisor	1
	Telecommunicator I	1
	Telecommunicator II	13
	Records Clerk	5
	Records Operations Supervisor	1
	TAC Officer	1
	Lieutenant	2
	Secretary - Police Academy	1
	Sergeant	3
	CCTV System Monitor	1
	Shift Supervisor	1
	_	33
Police - Patrol		
	Captain	2
	Clerk Typist I	1
	Lieutenant	4
	Police Officer	127
	Police Officer/FTO	6
	Sergeant	18
		158
Police - Patrol PM	П	
	PMI Administrator	1
	Chief Clerk	1
	PMI Supervisor	3
	Health and Safety Clerks	3

	Health and Safety Inspectors	0
	Health Inspector II	0
	Property Maintenance Inspector	15
		23
Police - Administration		
	Chief of Police	1
	Deputy Chief of Police	1
	Confidential Secretary	1
	Lieutenant	1
	Sergeant	1
	Inspector	1
		6
Fire Administration		
	Clerk Typist II	1
	Administrative Officer	1
	Fire Chief	1
	First Deputy Chief	4
		7
Fire Bargaining Unit		
	LT Fire Prevention Officer	2
	Fire Marshal	1
	Lt Fire Training Officer	1
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Fire Suppression		
	Second Deputy Chief	4
	Firefighter IV	87
	Firefigher III	10
	Firefighter II	0
	Firefighter I	11
	LT Fire Suppression Officer	4
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Fire EMS	Describer Chief /EMC Mere	1
	Deputy Chief/EMS Mgr	1
	EMS Lieutenant	4
	Paramedic Transport Coordinator	20
	Transport Coordinator	1
	Wheelchair Van Driver	3
		29

	Planner I	0
	Planner III	1
		1
CD - Zoning		
	Zoning Technician	1
	Zoning Officer	1
	Zoning Inspector	1
	-	3
CD - Trades		
	Secretary	1
	Plumbing Inspector	1
	Building Inspector	1
	Electrical Inspector	1
	HVAC Inspector	1
		5
CD - Administration		
	CD Specialist II	1
	Property Improvement Division Manager	1
	Codes Administrator	0
	Zoning Administrator	1
	Zoning Deputy Administrator	0
	Building Official	1
		4
CD - HUD		
	CD Specialist II	0
	CD Specialist III	1
	CD/Hist Preserv Specialist	1
	Community Development Director	1
	Confidential Secretary	1
	Fiscal Officer	1
	Rehab Specialist	1
		6
Library Administration		
	Director of Libraries	1
	Assistant Director of Libraries	2
		3
Library - Circulation		
	Librarian I	1
	Librarian II	1

Librarian III 1 Library Technician II 3 Library Technician III 4 Library - Reference 10 Bookmobile Operator 1 Head Custodian 11
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Librarian II 4
Librarian III 1
Librarian Tech II 1
Maintenance Worker II
9
Library - Children Services
Librarian II 0
Library Technician II 0
Library Technician III1
1
Water Administration
Foreman 1
Customer Service Rep. 2
GIS/CAD Technician 1
Engineering Aide III
Distribution Engineer 1
6
Water Collection
Equipment Operator I 1
Equipment Operator II 1
Equipment Operator III 1
Foreman 1
Maintenace Worker II 6
Superintendent 1
Water Purification
Centrifuge Oper. I. 1
Chemist 0
Lab Technician 1
Chief Operator 1
Clerk Typist II 1
Foreman 1

	Lab Supervisor/Bact.	1
	Maintenance Worker II	5
	Tradesman	1
	Water Plant Oper. I	0
	Water Plant Oper. II	4
		16
Water Distribution	F :	
	Equipment Operator II	3
	Field Investigator	3
	Foreman	3
	Foreman - Meter	1
	Foreman - Mechanic	0
	Foreman - Crew	1
	Foreman - Main Crew	2
	Foreman - Service Crew	2
	Maintenance Mechanic II	1
	Maintenance Worker II	9
	Maintenance Worker III	5
	Superindent	1
Calc. Income		31
Self - Insurance	Risk and Safety Coordinator	1
	OCIP Coordinator	1
	Och Coordinator	2
Sanitary Sewers		
	System Superintendent	1
	Foreman	2
	Equip Op II	15
	Maint Worker III	1
	Engineer Aide IV	0
	Engineer Aide III	1
		20
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	Maint Supv	1
	Belt Press Op I	3
	Cert Oper/Shift Sup	6
	Chemist	0
	Operations Supv	1
	Elec/Elect Field Eng	1

	Elec/Inst Tech	1
	Utilities Div Manager/Environ	1
	Utility Engineer	1
	Utility Clerk Typist	1
	Env Prog Coord	1
	Equip Op II	1
	Lab Supv	1
	Lab Tech	5
	Maint Worker II (Mech)	3
	Maint Worker III	4
	Pump Tender (Fritz Is)	4
	Secretary	1
	Serv Utility Person	7
	Sew Plant Op I (6th St.)	4
	Sew Plant Op I (Fritz Is)	2
	Sew Plant Op II (Fritz Is)	2
	Superintendent	1
	Tradesman (Elec)	2
		54
Recycling		
	Chief Clerk	0
	Solid Waste Supervisor	1
	Clerk Typist II	1
	Solid Waste	
	Coordinator/Environmentalist	1
		3

Number of Full Time Employees

BILL NO.	
AN ORDINANCE	

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF READING, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FEE SCHEDULE, ADMINISTRATIVE FEES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, DIVISION OF PLANNING FEES.

THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The Code of Ordinances of the City of Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, Fee Schedule, Administrative Fees, Community Development Department, Division of Planning Fees shall be and is hereby amended and shall hereafter be set forth as shown in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part here.

SECTION 2: All other items, parts, sections, etc. of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, which are contrary to the amended chart attached as Exhibit A are hereby repealed; otherwise all other parts, sections, etc. of said Code and Chapter shall remain in effect unchanged and likewise are ratified.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall be effective ten (10) days after its adoption and approval by the Mayor, in accordance with Section 219 of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter.

	Enacted	, 2009
Attest:	President of Council	
City Clerk		
Submitted to Mayor: Date:		
Received by the Mayor's Office:		
Date:		
Approved by Mayor:		
Date:		
Vetoed by Mayor:		
Date:		

EXHIBIT A

Department		Item	Old Fee	Year of Old Increase	New Fee
CD	Planning	RLD Sketch or Revision 1-5	\$100	2002	\$780
CD	Planning	RLD Sketch or Revision 6-40	\$200	2002	\$810
CD	Planning	RLD Sketch or Revision 40+	\$300	2002	\$970
CD	Planning	RLD Prelim 1-5	\$200	2002	\$1,235
CD	Planning	RLD Prelim 6-40	\$400	2002	\$1,465
CD	Planning	RLD Prelim 40+	\$600	2002	\$1,520
CD	Planning	RLD Final 1-5	\$500	2002	\$1,345
CD	Planning	RLD Final 6-40	\$700	2002	\$1,670
CD	Planning	RLD Final 40+	\$900	2002	\$1,720
CD	Planning	CLD Sketch or Revision < 2 acre	\$100	2002	\$790
CD	Planning	CLD Sketch or Revision 2-10 acre	\$200	2002	\$830
CD	Planning	CLD Sketch or Revision 10+ acre	\$300	2002	\$1,010
CD	Planning	CLD Prelim < 2 acre	\$200	2002	\$1,400
CD	Planning	CLD Prelim 2-10 acre	\$400	2002	\$1,640
CD	Planning	CLD Prelim 10+ acre	\$600	2002	\$1,675
CD	Planning	CLD Final < 2 acre	\$500	2002	\$1,500
CD	Planning	CLD Final 2-10 acre	\$700	2002	\$1,840
CD	Planning	CLD Final 10+ acre	\$900	2002	\$1,880
CD	Planning	SD/Annex Sketch or Revision 1-5	\$50	2002	\$675
CD	Planning	SD/Annex Sketch or Revision 6-25	\$100	2002	\$745
CD	Planning	SD Annex Sketch or Revision 25+	\$200	2002	\$820
CD	Planning	SD/Annex Prelim 1-5	\$100	2002	\$920
CD	Planning	SD/Annex Prelim 6-25	\$200	2002	\$1,110
CD	Planning	SD/Annex Prelim 25+	\$300	2002	\$1,120
CD	Planning	SD/Annex Final 1-5	\$200	2002	\$900
CD	Planning	SD/Annex Final 6-25	\$300	2002	\$1,080
CD	Planning	SD/Annex Final 25+	\$600	2002	\$1,100
CD	Planning	Parking lot review 50 or less	\$100	2002	\$820
CD	Planning	Parking lot review every 10 over 50	\$10	2002	\$85

BILL NO. ___

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OIF READING AND THE READING AREA WATER AUTHORITY THEREBY CONVEYING UNTO THE READING AREA WATER AUTHORITY A NON-EXCLUSIVE, PERPETUAL EASEMENT IN GROSS UPON THAT PORTION OF PREMISES KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS EASEMENT 101-3 LOCATED WITHIN PARCEL ID#530773-51-0576, SITUATE BETWEEN RIVER ROAD AND SCHUYLKILL AVENUE, READING, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

WHEREAS, the City of Reading is the legal owner of real property situate between River Road and Schuylkill Avenue, Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania and more particularly described in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for the County of Berks, Pennsylvania, in Record Book Vol. 1023, at Page 334; and

WHEREAS, the Reading Area Water Authority has need of access to said property for purposes of extending electrical service to a to a water pumping station to be located on property adjacent to the City's property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Reading is willing to grant to the Reading Water Authority a perpetual easement in connection with such parcel for such purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Mayor is authorized to execute and Easement Agreement (attached as Exhibit "A") to convey unto the Reading Area Water Authority a non-exclusive, perpetual easement in gross upon that portion of the Premises known and designated as Easement 101-3, located within Parcel ID#530773-51-0576, situate between River Road and Schuylkill Avenue, Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, as Shown on Plan of BCM Engineers dated July _____, 2009 (also a part of Exhibit "A").

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be effective ten (10) days after passage.

	Enacted	, 2009
Attest:	President of Council	
City Clerk		
(LAW DEPT.)		

Submitted to Mayor:
Date:
Received by the Mayor's Office:
Date:
Approved by Mayor:
Date:
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Prepared by:

Michael A. Setley, Esquire SETLEY, RAUCH & BUCOLO 4 PARK PLAZA, 2ND FLOOR WYOMISSING, PA 19610 (610) 898-9500

Return to:

Michael A. Setley, Esq. SETLEY, RAUCH & BUCOLO 4 PARK PLAZA, 2ND FLOOR WYOMISSING, PA 19610

Property ID#: 530773-51-0576

Owner: City of Reading, Berks County, PA

EASEMENT AGREEMENT

READING AREA WATER AUTHORITY, a municipal authority organized and existing under and by virtue of the law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with principal offices located at City Hall, 815 Washington Street, Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania 19601 (hereinafter "RAWA").

WHEREAS, **READING** is the owner of certain real property situate between River Road and Schuylkill Avenue in the City of Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, with parcel ID NUMBER of 530773-51-0576, and more particularly described in that certain deed appearing in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Berks County, Pennsylvania, in Record Book Vol. 1023, at page 334; and

WHEREAS, **RAWA** has need of access to said property for purposes of extending electrical service to a to a water pumping station to be located on property adjacent to

the City's property, and **READING** is willing to grant to **RAWA** a perpetual easement in connection with the parcel for such purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms, covenants and conditions hereinafter set forth, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties hereto agree as follows:

- 1. The foregoing paragraphs of this Agreement are a part hereof, intended by the parties to be considered in its construction, interpretation and enforcement.
- 2. READING hereby grants and conveys unto RAWA a non-exclusive, perpetual easement in gross in, over, under, across and upon that portion of the premises known and designated as Easement 101-3, located within Parcel ID # 530773-51-0576, with an area of _______ sq. ft, and as shown on Plan of BCM Engineers dated _______, 2009, which is attached as Exhibit A hereto. Said easement shall be used by RAWA for the purpose of extending and maintaining electrical service to a to a water pumping station to be located on property adjacent to the City's property.
- 3. Although the easement hereby granted is non-exclusive in nature, READING covenants that it shall not, at any time hereafter, grant or convey to any other any rights within said easement which conflict with the rights herein granted to RAWA.
- 4. READING shall keep and maintain the land within the easement hereby granted free of structures and vegetation which would interfere with RAWA's free and unobstructed exercise of the rights hereby conferred.
- 5. READING shall continue to enjoy the use of the land within the easement hereby granted for any and all purposes which do not interfere with or prevent RAWA's exercise of the rights hereby conferred.
- 6. RAWA shall have the right at its sole cost and expense, to record this Agreement with the Recorder of Deeds in and for Berks County, Pennsylvania.
- 7. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. The duties of READING with respect to the land wherein the easement hereby granted is situate shall run with the land, and READING shall have no liability in respect of the same following the termination of its ownership interest in said land.

- 8. This Agreement may not be altered or amended, except by a writing duly executed by the parties hereto or their respective successors or assigns.
 - 9. This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement of the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives, with the intention that it be effective as of the day and year first above written.

CITY OF READING	READING AREA WATER AUTHORITY	
	By:	
By: Mayor		
Attest:City Clerk		

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNS	SYLVANIA :	
	:	SS.
COUNTY OF BERKS	:	
On this day o	of	, 2009, before me, a Notary
Public in and for the County and S	State aforesaid, person	ally appeared John Ulrich, who
acknowledged that he/she is the C	Chairman of the READ	ING AREA WATER AUTHORITY, a
Pennsylvania municipal authority,	, and that he/she as suc	ch Chairman and being authorized to do
so, executed the foregoing Easeme	ent Agreement for the	purposes therein contained, by signing
the name of the READING AREA	A WATER AUTHOR	TTY by himself/herself as such officer of
the READING AREA WATER A	UTHORITY.	
IN WITNESS WHEREOF	F, I have hereunto set i	ny hand and official seal.
	Notary Public	

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA	:	
COUNTY OF BERKS	:	SS.
On this day of		, 2009, before me, a Notary
Public in and for the County and State aforesaid,	persona	lly appeared Thomas McMahon, who
acknowledged that he is the Mayor of THE CITY	OF RE	ADING, a Pennsylvania City of the
Third Class, and that he, as such Mayor, and beir	g autho	rized to do so, executed the foregoing
Easement Agreement for the purposes therein con	ntained,	by signing his name thereto.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereun	to set m	y hand and official seal.
Notary Pub	lic	

BILL NO._____-2009 AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF READING CODIFIED ORDINANCES CHAPTER 11 – HOUSING, SECTION 11-116 (B) "FEES FOR RENTAL PERMIT" BY REQUIRING A \$25 REINSPECTION FEE FOR THE THIRD AND SUBSEQUENT INSPECTIONS REQUIRED FOR PERMIT RENEWAL

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Amending the City of Reading Codified Ordinances Chapter 11 – Housing, Section 11-116 (B) "Fees for Rental Housing" as follows:

§11-116. Fees for Rental Permit.

- 1. **Fee Schedule**. Fees required for application of rental permit shall be:
- A. Permit.
 - (1) Single rented dwelling unit \$50 per year
 - (2) Each single room (rooming unit) \$25 per year
- B. **Reinspection**. The initial and first subsequent inspection upon an application for either an initial or renewal shall be included in the permit fee. A fee in the amount of \$25 shall be charged for any second *third* or subsequent inspection required for approval of an initial or 3-year renewal application.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be effective ten (10) days after its adoption and approval by the Mayor, in accordance with Section 219 of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter.

	Enacted	, 2009
	President of Council	
Attest:		
Linda Kelleher, City Clerk		
(Codes & Council Staff)		

Submitted to Mayor:
Date:
Received by the Mayor's Office:
Date:
Approved by Mayor:
Date:
Vetoed by Mayor:
Date:

BILL NO._____-2009 AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF READING CODIFIED ORDINANCES CHAPTER 10 HEALTH AND SAFETY, SECTION 10-110 ANIMAL BITE INCIDENTS BY BRINGING IT INTO COMPLIANCE WITH STATE OUARANTINE REGULATIONS.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Amending the City of Reading Codified Ordinances Chapter 10, Section 10-110 Animal Bite Incidents by bringing it into compliance with State quarantine regulations:

§10-110. Animal Bite Incidents.

- 1. Animal bite incidents shall be reported to the, Property Improvement Division by the animal owner or the victim providing the name and address of the victim, telephone number if known, age of the victim, the time and the date of the biting incident, the type of animal and the name and address of the attending physician. When known, the report shall include the name and address of the animal owner.
- 2. It shall be the responsibility of the owner to maintain his animal in a state of premises quarantine for a period of 10 days as a rabies suspect.

Any animal which bites or attacks a human being shall be confined in quarters approved by the City's animal control authority or a police officer. The animal shall be detained and isolated in an approved kennel or at the animal owner's property or at another location approved by the investigating officer. Where the animal is detained is at the discretion of the investigating officer. All animals so detained must be isolated for a minimum of ten days. Any costs incurred in the detaining and isolation of the animal shall be paid by the offending animal's owner or keeper or both. If the animal's owner or keeper is not known, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is responsible for all reasonable costs for holding and detaining the animal.

- A. Within the 10 day quarantine period, the owner shall arrange to have the animal examined by a licensed veterinarian, and return his signed diagnosis and/or opinion to the Property Improvement Division on the notice form provided.
- B. In the event that the animal dies within the quarantine period, it shall by the owner's responsibility to report the animal's death to the examining veterinarian and to the Property Improvement Division, and further make available the dead carcass for further examination.
- C. No person shall destroy, or have destroyed, any animal involved in a biting

incident that is being held within the ten day quarantine period, unless approved by the Health Officer.

D. No person shall house, maintain or kennel any animal involved in a biting incident, during the ten day quarantine period, unless the owner or operator or person maintaining such housing facility shall be made aware of the animal biting incident and isolation facilities are provided for the animal.

(Ord. 40-1973, 9/19/1973, §10; as amended by Ord. 14-2001, 5/29/2001)

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be effective ten (10) days after its adoption and approval by the Mayor, in accordance with Section 219 of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter.

	Enacted	, 2009
	President of Council	
Attest:		
Linda Kelleher, City Clerk		
City Health Officer & Council Staff)		
Submitted to Mayor: Date:		
Received by the Mayor's Office: Date:		
Approved by Mayor: Date:		
Vetoed by Mayor: Date:		

BILL NO.	
AN ORDINANCE	

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF READING, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FEE SCHEDULE, ADMINISTRATIVE FEES, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, PARKS AND RECREATION FEES.

THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The Code of Ordinances of the City of Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, Fee Schedule, Administrative Fees, Public Works Department, Parks and Recreation Fees shall be and is hereby amended and shall hereafter be set forth as shown in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part here.

SECTION 2: All other items, parts, sections, etc. of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, which are contrary to the amended chart attached as Exhibit A are hereby repealed; otherwise all other parts, sections, etc. of said Code and Chapter shall remain in effect unchanged and likewise are ratified.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall be effective ten (10) days after its adoption and approval by the Mayor, in accordance with Section 219 of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter.

	Enacted	, 2009
Attest:	President of Council	
City Clerk		
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EXHIBIT A

Departme nt	Division	Item	Old Fee	Year of Old	New Fee
D. J. P.	Dealer and	Field Herre Observe	0.75	Increase	0400
Public	Parks and	Field House - 6 hours	\$75	2008	\$180
Works	Recreation	Field House – 7 hours	#400	2000	#050
Public	Parks and	Field House – 7 nours	\$100	2008	\$250
Works	Recreation	Ourses a sirves of ord	Φ47F	2000	#000
Public	Parks and	Gymnasium, 3 rd and	\$175	2008	\$200
Works	Recreation	Spruce - 2-3 hours	€40 E	2000	0450
Public	Parks and	Gymnasium, 11 th and	\$125	2008	\$150
Works	Recreation	Pike – 2-3 hours	#20 E	2000	#250
Public	Parks and	Gymnasium, 3 rd and	\$225	2008	\$250
Works	Recreation	Spruce – 4-6 hours	#450	2000	047 5
Public	Parks and	Gymnasium, 11 th and	\$150	2008	\$175
Works	Recreation	Pike – 4-6 hours	# 0 <i>E</i>	2000	#FO
Public	Parks and	Small Pavilion – 6 hours	\$35	2008	\$50
Works	Recreation	One all Davillana Co.	* 40	0000	Φ 7 5
Public	Parks and	Small Pavilion – 6 +	\$40	2008	\$75
Works	Recreation	hours	A 50	0000	# 400
Public	Parks and	Large Pavilion – 6 hours	\$50	2008	\$100
Works	Recreation		200	0000	0405
Public	Parks and	Large Pavilion – 6 +	\$60	2008	\$125
Works	Recreation	hours	A 4 = =	2222	* 400
Public	Parks and	Band Shell – 6 hours	\$175	2008	\$400
Works	Recreation				
Public	Parks and	Band Shell Penalty	\$600	2008	\$1,000
Works	Recreation		+		+ costs
			cost		
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Public	Parks and	Pagoda	\$100	2008	See
Works	Recreation				Below
Public	Parks and	*Ball Field - 2 hours,	\$15	2008	\$20
Works	Recreation	before 8			
Public	Parks and	*Ball Field – 2 hours, 8-	\$20	2008	\$30
Works	Recreation	10 p.m.			

Pagoda	<2 hours	\$200
-	2-4 hours	\$400
	4-6 hours	\$500
	Each additional hour	\$100

^{**}A fee of \$20 for ball field maintenance

BILL NO._____-2009

AN ORDINANCE

ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF READING'S LAW DEPARTMENT \$25.00 FEE FOR REQUESTED LIEN STATEMENTS.

WHEREAS, the City of Reading's Law Department receives requests for lien statements from various individuals and/or entities; and

WHEREAS, upon receiving a lien statement request, office staff must search lien records, determine the correct amount owed, prepare a lien statement and provide to the requestor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Reading believes that the appropriate fee for a lien statement request is \$25.00.

NOW, THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. There shall be a fee of \$25.00 imposed for each lien statement request received by the City of Reading's Law Department from individuals and/ or entities, except requests from City employees in the course of their duties.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective ten (10) days after passage and approval by the Mayor.

	Enacted		, 2009
	P	resident of Council	
Attest:			
City Clerk			
Submitted to Mayor: Date:			
Date.			

Received by the Mayor's Office:
Date:
Approved by Mayor:
Date:
Vetoed by Mayor:
Date:

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DUTIES OF CITY HEALTH OFFICER
AS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 1 ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNMENT
PART 5 BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS SUBPART D
BLIGHTED PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE SECTION 1-156 RESTRICTIONS

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1 Administration and Government Part 5 Boards, Commissions, Committees and Councils Subpart D Blighted Property Review Committee Section 1-156 Restrictions of the City of Reading Codified Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

§1-546. Restrictions.

The Blighted Property Review Committee and the Planning Commission, upon making a determination that any property is blighted as defined in §1-544, above, must certify said blighted property to the Redevelopment Authority except that:

- A. No property shall be certified to the Redevelopment Authority unless it is vacant or abandoned.
- B. No property shall be certified to the Redevelopment Authority unless the owner of the property or an agent designated by him for the receipt of service of notices has been served with notice of the determination that the property is blighted, together with an appropriate order to eliminate the conditions causing blight and notification that failure to do so may render the property subject to condemnation. The notice shall be served upon the owner or his agent. The owner or his agent shall have the right of appeal from the determination in the same manner as an appeal from the determination of public nuisance by filing an appeal with the City of Reading Building and Fire Board of Appeals within 20 days of the determination hearing.
 - (1) **Procedure**. Whenever the Committee shall determine, after such examination, investigation or hearing as shall suffice to inform its judgment, that a public nuisance exists or is about to exist, it may order the nuisance to be removed, abated, suspended, altered, or otherwise prevented or avoided. Notice of such order, bearing the official title of the Committee and the number of days for compliance therewith and the alternative remedy of the Committee in case of noncompliance, shall be served upon the person, if any, whom the Committee deems responsible therefore or concerned therein, and upon the owner or abutting owner of the land, premises or other places whereon such a nuisance is or is about to be, if any. In case no such party or parties can be discovered by the Committee, the order shall be

served by posting a copy or copies thereof conspicuously upon the premises for a period of at least 10 days.

- (2) **Contents of Notice**. The notice of the Committee's order shall clearly specify:
 - (a) The place and manner of the nuisance or anticipated nuisance as determined by the Committee.
 - (b) The nature or condition thereof.
 - (c) The Committee's order with respect to the nuisance or anticipated nuisance.
 - (d) The name of the persons found by the Committee to be responsible therefore or concerned therewith and the name of the owner, if any, of the land or premises involved; in the event the owner or contact cannot be determined, said notice shall reflect this.
 - (e) The date of the Committee's order and the number of days there from allowed for compliance with it.
 - (f) The alternative remedy of the Committee in case of noncompliance.
 - (g) Notice that the persons affected thereby may apply, within the time set for compliance with the order, to the Committee for a hearing, and may request such stay of execution or modification or rescission of the said order as they shall believe just and proper.
 - (h) The signature of the Chair of the Committee, attested by the Secretary.

(i) The right to appeal.

(3) Hearing and Disposition.

- (a) If any person affected thereby shall apply for a hearing within the time provided, the Committee shall promptly notify all interested parties of the time and place of the hearing.
- (b) The Committee shall enter upon its minutes such facts and proofs as it may receive, and its proceedings on such hearing and thereafter may rescind, modify or reaffirm its order and require execution of the original or of a new or modified order, as it shall determine and direct. The persons affected shall be notified of the Committee's final order, and within 10 days from the mailing of such notice may appeal

therefrom to the Court of Common Pleas, which appeal may operate as a supersedeas if the Court, upon proper cause shown, so orders, and provided the appellants post bond, approved by the Court, for the use of the City, with sufficient surety to cover all the expenses and costs of executing the Committee's order.

SECTION 2: All relevant ordinances, regulations, remaining sections of Chapter 1 Administration and Government Part 5 Boards, Commissions, Committees and Councils Subpart D Blighted Property Review Committee Section 1-156 Restrictions and policies of the City of Reading, Pennsylvania not amended hereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3: If any section, subsection, sentence or clause of this ordinance is held, for any reason, to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall become effective in ten (10) days, in accordance with Charter Section 219.

	Enacted	, 2009
Attest:	Council President	
City Clerk		
(LAW)		
Submitted to Mayor: Date:		
Received by the Mayor's Office: Date:		
Approved by Mayor: Date:		
Vetoed by Mayor: Date:		

BILL NO._____-2009 AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "INSTALLATION" IN BILL NO 16-2009 SATELLITE DISHES IN CITY HISTORIC DISTRICTS.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Amending the definition of "Installation" in Bill No. 16-2009 Satellite Dishes in City Historic Districts as follows:

Installation- No satellite dishes, antenna, or other similar modern device shall be installed or placed in front yards, front of buildings or along their facades *that can be seen from a public right-of-way* within historic districts. All satellite dishes, antenna, or other similar modern devices shall be located to the rear of the main dwelling unit. Antenna and satellite dishes *may shall* be installed in the rear or on the roof of the main dwelling unit. A roof mounted satellite dish or antenna shall not be visible from the public right of way. When being secured to a brick wall, anchoring for satellite dishes shall only occur within the mortar joints and not within the bricks themselves.

Satellite dishes that are placed in accordance with this Ordinance may be approved at Staff level when submitted with a diagram of their proposed placement on the structure or building. Placement of satellite dishes on any other area of a structure or building shall be sent to the Reading Board Historical Architectural Review for review.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be effective ten (10) days after its adoption and approval by the Mayor, in accordance with Section 219 of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter.

Enacted	, 2009
President of Counci	 1

Attest:

Linda Kelleher CMC, City Clerk
(HARB & Council Staff)
Submitted to Mayor: Date:
Received by the Mayor's Office: Date:
Approved by Mayor: Date:
Vetoed by Mayor: Date:

BILL	NO.	-2009

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DUTIES OF CITY HEALTH OFFICER
AS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 1 ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNMENT
PART 1 ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SUBPART G CITY HEALTH OFFICER SECTION
1-171 DUTIES OF HEALTH OFFICER

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1 Administration and Government Part 1 Administrative Code Subpart G City Health Officer Section 1-171 Duties of Health Officer of the City of Reading Codified Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

G. City Health Officer

§1-171. Duties of City Health Officer.

The City Health Officer is appointed by the Mayor and reports to the Director of Community Development Administrator of the Property Maintenance

- **Division** where the office and budget is located. Qualifications for this position are experience and training in public health. This person must be certified by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. He/She shall have the following duties and responsibilities as prescribed by the law, Charter and ordinance, and include but not be limited to the following:
 - A. Perform the obligations and functions of the City Health Administrator.
 - B. Perform and/or assign responsibility for restaurant inspections, review inspections, issue citations, and close if necessary.
 - C. Evaluate and issue handicap parking privilege.
 - D. Provide inoculations as required.
 - E. Collaborate with Director of Human Resources in workers compensation, sick leave, family leave, and/or any other health-related issues.
 - F. Perform and/or assign responsibility for health inspections of trash trucks.
 - G. Provide professional expertise to the lead abatement program.
 - H. Administer the animal-bite program.
 - I. Provide required reports to the State/Federal governments.

SECTION 2: All relevant ordinances, regulations, remaining sections of Chapter 1 Administration and Government Part 1 Administrative Code Subpart G City Health Officer Section 1-171 Duties of Health Officer and policies of the City of Reading, Pennsylvania not amended hereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3: If any section, subsection, sentence or clause of this ordinance is held, for any reason, to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall become effective in ten (10) days, in accordance with Charter Section 219.

	Enacted	, 2009
Attest:	Council President	
City Clerk		
(LAW)		
Submitted to Mayor: Date:	-	
Received by the Mayor's Office: _ Date:		
Approved by Mayor: Date:	-	
Vetoed by Mayor:		

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF READING, CHAPTER 5 CODE ENFORCEMENT, PART 3, SECTION 9 FEES (ORDINANCE 95-2006)

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 5 Code Enforcement, Part 3, Section 9 Fees (Ordinance 95-2006) of the City of Reading Codified Ordinances is hereby amended to be in accordance with the Fee Schedule Administrative Fees Fire Department Fees as amended per Ordinance 34-2009 as attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

SECTION 2: All relevant ordinances, regulations, remaining sections of Chapter 5 Code Enforcement, Part 3 of the Fire Prevention Code of the City of Reading (Ordinance 95-2006) (the International Fire Code as adopted by the City of Reading) Section 9 Fees shall remain effective., Section 9 Fees (Ordinance 95-2006) and policies of the City of Reading, Pennsylvania not amended hereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3: If any section, subsection, sentence or clause of this ordinance is held, for any reason, to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

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SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall become effective in ten (10) days, in accordance with Charter Section 219.

	Enacted	, 2009
Attest:	Council President	
City Clerk		
(LAW)		
Submitted to Mayor: Date:		
Received by the Mayor's Office: Date:		
Approved by Mayor: Date:		
Vetoed by Mayor: Date:		

EXHIBIT A

BILL NO. <u>39-2009</u> AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF READING, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FEE SCHEDULE, ADMINISTRATIVE FEES, FIRE DEPARTMENT FEES.

THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The Code of Ordinances of the City of Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, Fee Schedule, Administrative Fees, Fire Department Fees shall be and is hereby amended and shall hereafter be set forth as shown in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part here.

SECTION 2: All other items, parts, sections, etc. of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, which are contrary to the amended chart attached as Exhibit A are hereby repealed; otherwise all other parts, sections, etc. of said Code and Chapter shall remain in effect unchanged and likewise are ratified.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall be effective ten (10) days after its adoption and approval by the Mayor, in accordance with Section 219 of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter.

	Enacted July 13, 2009
	Vaughn D. Spencer /s/
	President of Council
Attest:	
Linda A. Kelleher /s/	
City Clerk	
Submitted to Mayor:	
Date:	
Received by the Mayor's Office:	
Date:	
Approved by Mayor:	
Date:	
Vetoed by Mayor:	
Date:	

EXHIBIT A

Department	Division	Item	Old Fee	Year of Old	New Fee
				Increase	
Fire	Special Services	Fire Protection System Registration Fees	\$25	1999	\$195
Fire	Special Services	Fire Protection System Registration Com	\$75	1999	\$0
Fire	Special Services	IFC Inspections Apartment A	\$250	1999	\$320
Fire	Special Services	IFC Inspections Apartment B	\$150	1999	\$175
Fire	Special Services	IFC Inspections Apartment C	\$100	1999	\$100
Fire	Special Services	Daycare Facility – Class C Home Daycare	\$50	1999	\$65
Fire	Special Services	Healthcare – Class B	\$150	1999	\$210
Fire	Special Services	Healthcare – Class C	\$100	1999	\$175
Fire	Special Services	Hotel Motel Class A	\$250	1999	\$320
Fire	Special Services	Hotel Motel Class B	\$150	1999	\$175
Fire	Special Services	Hotel Motel Class C	\$100	1999	\$135

BILL NO2009

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO EFFECTUATE THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF PREMISES KNOWN AS 501 S. 5TH STREET, READING, BERKS COUNTY, PA FROM THE LIBERTY STEAM FIRE COMPANY TO THE CITY OF READING.

WHEREAS, the City of Reading is interested in acquiring ownership of property known as 501 S. 5th Street, Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania (Mapped PIN #530643779326); and

WHEREAS, the owner of said property is the Liberty Steam Fire Company, which is willing to convey said premises for a sum certain of \$1.00; and

WHEREAS, the City of Reading finds that acquisition of subject premises pursuant to said condition is acceptable.

NOW, THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. **SECTION 1.** The Mayor is authorized to execute any and all documents required to effectuate the transfer of the ownership of premises known as 501 S. 5th Street, Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, from the Liberty Steam Fire Company, to the City of Reading for the purchase price of \$1.00.
 - **SECTION 2.** This Ordinance shall be effective ten (10) days after passage and approval by the Mayor.

	Enacted, 2	2009
	President of Council	
Attest:		
City Clerk		



AGENDA MEMO

THOMAS McMAHON, MAYOR RYAN HOTTENSTEIN, MANAGING DIRECTOR

TO: City Council

FROM: Ryan Hottenstein, Acting Managing Director

PREPARED BY: Cindy DeGroote, Grants Coordinator

MEETING DATE: July 13, 2009 AGENDA MEMO DATE: July 8, 2009

REQUESTED ACTION: Council approve a resolution to authorize the City of

Reading to file a Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Early Intervention Program Funding Proposal for the City of Reading Early Intervention

Program

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends Council approve a resolution authorizing the City of Reading to file a funding proposal through the Department of Community and Economic Development Early Intervention Program to request funding (\$90,000) for the City to establish the position of Business Analyst.

BACKROUND

The State Department of Community and Economic Development Early Intervention Program provides funding to assist local governments in addressing financial management. In 2006 the City of Reading adopted an Early Intervention Program study that advised the City to engage in a detailed analysis of its fee structure and the benefits arising from asset sales. In 2008 the City of Reading adopted an Early Intervention Program Phase II, which enabled the completion of a study to determine true cost of all fines and fees. The current proposal is to create a Business Analyst position to evaluate current systems processes and identify necessary improvements.

The Early Intervention Program requires a signed program specific resolution as part of the proposal process.

BUDGETARY IMPACT

None

PREVIOUS ACTION

None

SUBSEQUENT ACTION

None

REVIEWED BY

Managing Director and Mayor

RECOMMENDED MOTION

Approve/Deny the resolution to authorize the City of Reading to file a PA Department of Community and Economic Early Intervention Program funding proposal for the City of Reading Early Intervention Program.

CITY OF READING

Resolution No
Resolution of the CITY OF READING authorizing the filing of a proposal for funds with the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the City of Reading Early Intervention Program; and
WHEREAS, the CITY OF READING will be undertaking a project under the Early Intervention Program to create a position of Business Analyst. This position will be responsible identifying improvements to current processes and systems as well as developing sounds methods to implement recommended improvements; and
WHEREAS THE CITY OF READING wishes to participate in said project; and
WHEREAS the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development makes available grants-in-aid to such projects through the Early Intervention Program,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF READING hereby authorizes the CITY OF READING to make application for such a grant on our behalf.
Adopted by Council, 2009
Vaughn D. Spencer, President of Council
Attest:
Linda A. Kelleher CMC, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO.	
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THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:
That Joseph Amprey is reappointed to the Board of Ethics with a term ending July 27, 2012.
Adopted by Council, 2009
Vaughn D. Spencer President of Council
Attest:
Linda A. Kelleher City Clerk

RESOLU	T I O N NO	

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:
That Margaret Davy is reappointed to the Animal Control Board with a term ending July 27, 2012.
Adopted by Council, 2009
Vaughn D. Spencer
President of Council Attest:
Linda A. Kelleher City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOLLOWS:	READING HEREBY RESOLVES AS
That Michael Leifer is appointed to a term ending July 27, 2013.	the Fire Civil Service Board with
Adopted by Co	uncil, 2009
	Vaughn D. Spencer President of Council
Attest:	President of Council
Linda A. Kelleher City Clerk	

Vaughn D. Spencer President of Council

Attest:

Linda A. Kelleher CMC

City Clerk